

Children's Newspaper

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In a place 'not just full of kangaroos and cricketers'

It is surprising what a well-written essay can do for you. It can even win you a month's tour of Australia, as it has done for these four young people, winners of an essay competition organised by the Australian Department of Immigration and two British firms.

Seen below at London Airport just before their departure, and getting a cheery word from Australian film actor Chips Rafferty, they are (left to right): David Clark of Aberdeen; Ann Wills of Totteridge, Hertfordshire (who hoped to see some kangaroos); Shirley Godfrey of Nottingham (with portrait of Prime Minister Menzies, whom they are to meet); and John Bailey of Upton Heath, Cheshire.

Down Under they are guests of the Australian Government and are being treated as Very Important People: their tour, in fact, is equal to any arranged for international celebrities.

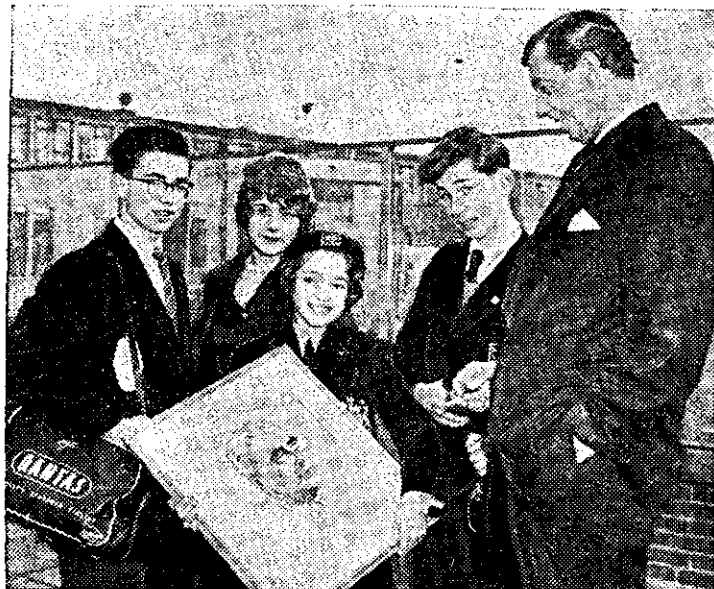
On arrival at Perth they were officially welcomed by a Federal

M.P., and they spent over an hour talking to reporters and posing for TV cameramen.

Thrill follows thrill as they tour the great island continent and experience the warmth of Australian hospitality. They are visiting every State in the Dominion, flying 10,000 miles by Trans-Australia jet. They are seeing the great cities and sheep stations, swimming at famous bathing beaches, and enjoying all the fun of picnics and barbecues in the bush.

"The object of the contest," said Mr. A. R. Downer, Minister for Immigration, "was to teach British schoolchildren that Australia is not just a place full of kangaroos and cricketers. These four children will see more than just the physical Australia. They will get to know something of the Australian way of life."

When the lucky four come back home—they are due to leave Australia on 14th February—they will certainly have lots of thrilling things to talk about—quite apart from kangaroos and cricketers.



The four successful young essayists at London Airport just before setting off for the trip of a lifetime

JET PLANE WITH A SPARE ENGINE

Qantas World Airways' new Boeing 707 jet airliner now carries a spare engine.

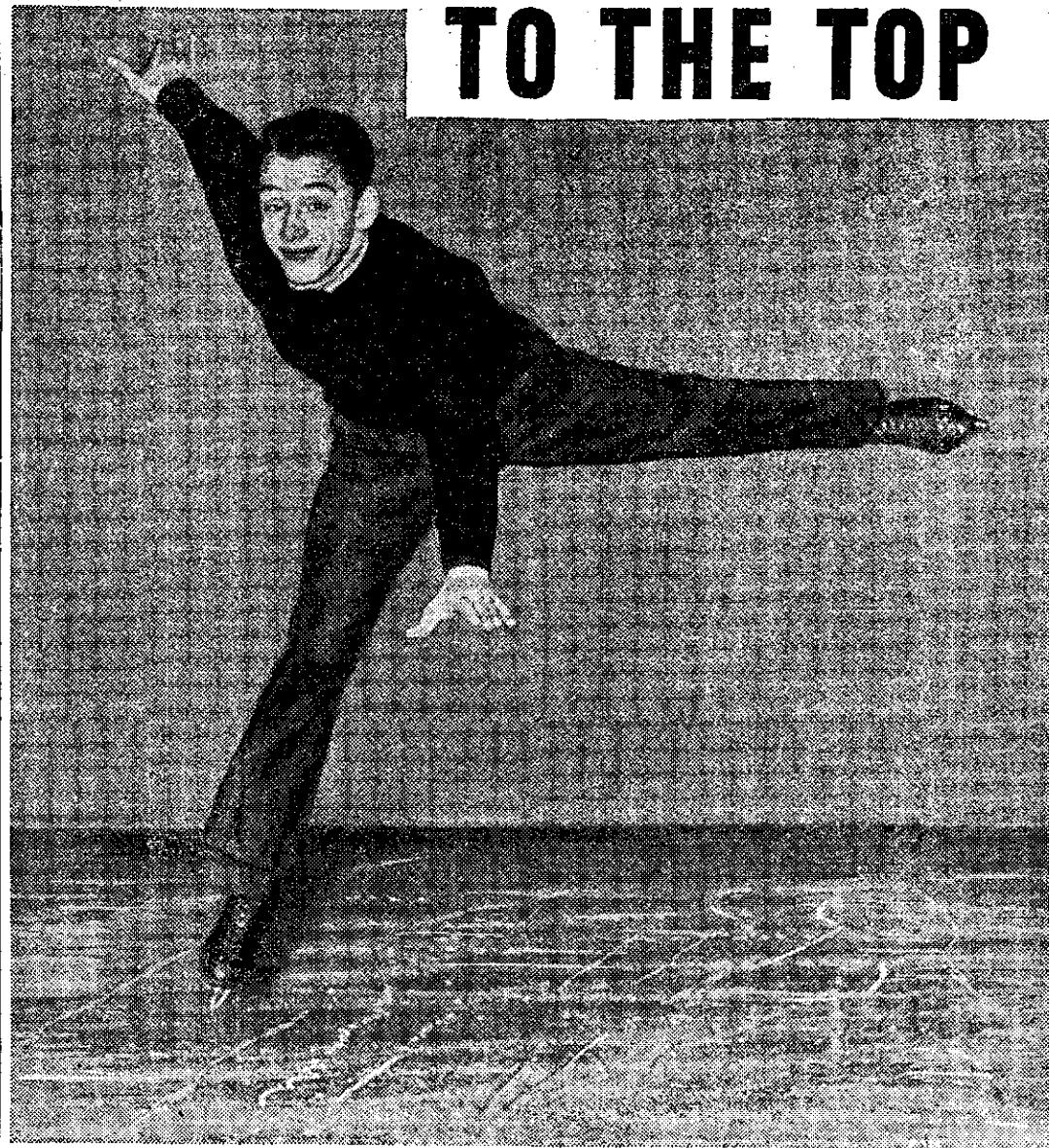
The reason for carrying it is that if necessary a quick change can be made at any calling point. Normally, spare engines are stocked only at a few large air-

ports where an airline has a major overhaul base.

Housed in a pointed, streamlined pod on the port wing, the spare engine is a feature that will help spotters to distinguish Qantas aircraft from other Boeing 707s.

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YOUNG ROBIN SKATES TO THE TOP



This Winter has been the busiest and most important period in the life of 16-year-old Robin Jones, writes a C.N. correspondent. Busy, because he has daily been putting in six hours' hard practice at a London ice rink. Important, because he has become Britain's Figure-Skating Champion; won three ice dancing competitions; and carried off the

coveted Leonore Jennings Cup for free skating.

The next six weeks will be even busier and even more important. This Wednesday he leaves for Germany to represent Britain in the European Championships; a fortnight later he will fly to California for the Winter Olympic Games; and in March he will be in Canada to take part in the World Championships.

ROBIN had already received part of his Olympic parade outfit when I called on him the other evening at his home in Putney, South-West London. The full uniform consists of a white Cossack hat; fawn fur-lined coat; royal blue ski-trousers, suede fur-lined boots and white gloves.

"You'll certainly cut a dash in that!" I said.

"I'm more interested in cutting a dash in the championships," replied Robin.

A modest young man, who acknowledges what he owes to his parents and his coach, Robin has no illusions about the difficulty of the task lying ahead in the next few weeks.

"For one thing, I've never skated on an outdoor rink, or at high altitudes," he explained. "It will take a bit of getting used to. Skating high up is very exhausting at first, and breathing is difficult in the ice-cold air. Odd gusts of wind can be quite a problem, too."

Nevertheless, if Robin lives up to the expectation of one of Britain's leading critics he will not

let Britain down. After he had won the Leonore Jennings Cup a few weeks ago, his performance was described as an "exhibition equal to anything previously given by a British skater. His display will bear favourable comparison in any company."

Yet Robin's first encounter with skates was far from successful. His mother and father (who had first met at a roller skating rink) took him roller skating when he was six. Robin hated it. But a year later, when he visited an ice rink, it was a very different story.

"He seemed to take to it like a duck to water," said Robin's father, recalling those early days in Birmingham.

It was not long before the boy was showing signs of becoming a better-than-average skater, and when he was ten he came to London to take part in the Novices Competition held annually at Wembley. He was second in the Under-eleven group.

The following year he was third in the 11-14 group, and the year after he won it

By this time his coach at Birmingham admitted frankly that he could not improve Robin any farther. "You need to be coached by someone like Gladys Hogg in London," he said. So for the next two years Robin travelled down every week for a lesson with this famous trainer of champions.

That was all right as far as it went—but did it go far enough? Could Robin become a champion with only one lesson a week?

Mr. and Mrs. Jones asked themselves these questions, and found a courageous answer. They would sell up their hairdressing business, move to London, and start again. It meant that Mrs. Jones would have to go out to work to pay for Robin's lessons, but she was prepared for that.

"Perhaps your reward is to come," I said, thinking of a professional career for Robin some time in the future.

"We've already had our reward," answered Mrs. Jones promptly. "The night he won the British title."

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HOW SOVIET RUSSIA IS GOVERNED

By the C N Diplomatic Correspondent

Whenever Mr. Krushchev makes a speech, all public comment made in Russia, either by other Russian statesmen or by newspapers, expresses full support of Mr. Krushchev's views. His speeches are praised, but never criticised.

IN Britain, as we know, a speech by the Prime Minister, Mr. Macmillan, is often attacked by his political opponents—the official Opposition—who have the legal right to do so. But though there has been some evidence recently that Russians are freer to speak their minds than they were in the days of Stalin, no real parliamentary Opposition exists in the Western sense.

The absence of an organised Opposition in Russia is an important factor distinguishing her 200 million people, of various races and creeds, from the Western democracies. Another distinguishing feature is that, fundamentally, Russia is ruled not by her Government but by a political party, the Communist Party.

Let us now try to grasp the rather complicated way in which the Russian system works.

Power of the Party

In the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics, supreme power is exercised by the Communist Party through a Central Committee.

This Central Committee is elected by the Communist Party Congress, which meets at least every four years and is made up of one delegate for every 5,000 party members. It is the *Parliament* of the Communist Party.

But most of the time it does not sit. The Central Committee carries on through a Praesidium and through a Secretariat. The Praesidium has 14 members and ten candidate members; the Secretariat is composed of a First

Secretary and nine others, all leading party members.

The First Secretary controls all party offices. It will thus be seen why he is the most important man in Russia.

Stalin held this post. Now Mr. Krushchev does.

Power of the State

The chief organ of State (as opposed to Party) power is the Supreme Soviet (or council) elected from every republic of the U.S.S.R. It has two chambers—the Soviet of the Union, something like our House of Commons, and the Soviet of Nationalities. Total membership of this "Parliament" of the State is about 1,400. The M.P.s are called Deputies. They meet in Moscow's Kremlin Palace about twice a year.

When the Supreme Soviet is not sitting it acts through its own Praesidium. This body, among other things, appoints what we should call a Cabinet—the Council of Ministers of which Mr. Krushchev is now Chairman. Thus he is head both of the all-powerful Party and of the Government.

The kind of organisation outlined above, both on the Communist Party and Government side, sets the pattern for each separate republic. A similar structure is used also in certain regions, districts and cities.

But at the top it is always the Party which makes the chief decisions and the Government which carries them out.

SAVING AN OLD FERRY

A ferry which has been working in various forms since about the reign of Queen Elizabeth I has been saved by vigorous local action. The ferry runs across the combined estuaries of the rivers Stour and Orwell between Harwich, Essex, and Felixstowe, Suffolk. It saves a long roundabout journey inland.

The British Transport Commission proposed to close down the service at the end of last year but thanks to strong protests from eight local authorities and a petition from 4,500 people of Felixstowe, the old ferry service is to keep running.

Jubilee of the Job-finders

Next Monday Employment Exchanges celebrate 50 years of helping job-seekers to find work.

Sir Winston Churchill, when President of the Board of Trade, sponsored the Act which in 1910 set up Labour Exchanges, as they were then called.

There were 62 Exchanges at first. Now there are nearly a thousand. In their 50 years of activity they have filled no less than 100 million vacancies.

ROBIN SKATES TO THE TOP

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"It was a near thing, though," said Robin.

It certainly was. At the half-way stage, when the 'compulsory' figure-skating had been completed, Robin was 14 points behind David Clements, the reigning champion. No one thought that on his first appearance in the championships Robin could possibly make up the deficit in the free-skating display; but he performed so brilliantly that he not only made it up but finished seven points ahead.

Choosing the music

Robin performs his free-skating to the rousing *Light Cavalry* Overture by Suppé, chosen only after a long search. The musical accompaniment plays an important part in a display and varies according to the characteristics of the skater. Some prefer a slow graceful piece; others like more vigorous music.

"I listened to dozens of records," said Robin. "As I played them I 'translated' each passage in terms of steps on ice. Finally, my coach and I decided that the *Light Cavalry* best suited my style."

Once the music had been agreed upon, Robin and Miss Hogg set to work devising the five-minute schedule of skating. It was a painstaking task, with constant changes and alterations; but no less painstaking was the time spent learning the schedule so thoroughly that it became instinctive.

A busy life indeed. And made even busier by the fact that, unlike most figure-skaters, Robin is also gaining fame as an ice-dancer. He met his partner, 14-year-old Sally Rodhouse of Wembley, only eight months ago, yet already they have established themselves as one of the outstand-

NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE

DOG RECORD

Last year Britain exported the record number of 4533 dogs, worth some £750,000. About one-third of them were miniature poodles.

President Eisenhower is to visit Russia from the 10th to the 19th of June.

CAT CALL

While his owners were making a long-distance call from their Detroit home, Abby the cat knocked off the extension telephone in a bedroom. The line remained open for 20 hours, and Abby's owners have just received the bill—for 107 dollars, about £38!

Keen collector



Sylvia Kemp, 16-year-old Queen's Guide of Dulwich, London, makes stamp-collecting her hobby

AUSTRALIAN SPUTNIK

The Australian Government are considering plans to put a satellite into orbit round the Earth.

TOUGH TRAINING

Twenty London members of the Royal Marine Forces Volunteer Reserve are to carry out a snow survival test high up in the Grampian Mountains on 6th and 7th February. They will sleep in snow-holes or in tents packed round with snow.

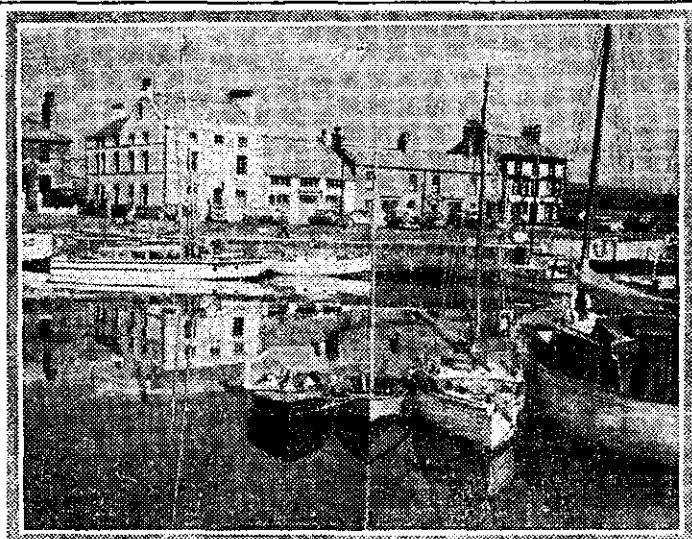
THEY SAY . . .

THERE'S nothing namby-pamby about being a Sunday School teacher. It's a man-sized job—one of the greatest, toughest, and the most important jobs anyone can do.

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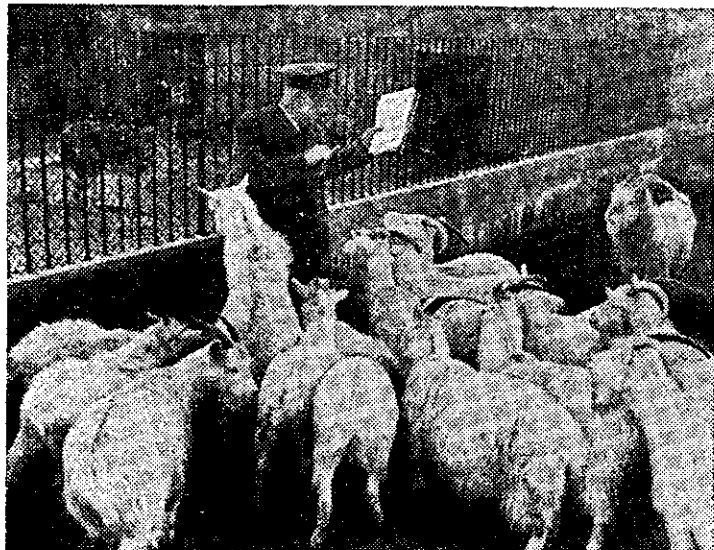
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Roll-call for the goats

A head keeper at London Zoo checks the roll of the white goats during the annual stocktaking of animals

POPULAR COMET

Comets were largely responsible for a 40 per cent increase in B.O.A.C.'s passenger traffic across the North Atlantic last year.

During the peak holiday rush 14 flights a week each way were flown between London and New York.

This plane has proved to be remarkably punctual. Despite varying headwinds, 73 per cent of flights from London to New York and Montreal have arrived within 15 minutes of the scheduled time, and 89 per cent have arrived within an hour.

Flying is now the most popular way of crossing the Atlantic. Figures for the first half of last year show that 568,000 people made the journey by air, and 375,000 by sea.

That crease in the trousers

The fashion for the crease down men's trousers is 100 years old this year: it was started in 1860 by the Prince of Wales who later became King Edward VII.

On receiving a new suit from his tailor, the Prince found the trousers had acquired a sharp crease "fore and aft" through storage. The effect "greatly pleased his Royal Highness," and by insisting on all his trousers being similarly pressed he started a fashion which has persisted to this day.

GARDEN OF THE CLANS

A "Garden of the Clans" is to be set up at Glenfinnan, Inverness-shire, where Bonnie Prince Charlie unfurled his standard on the 19th August, 1745. It will be alongside a new information centre for tourists.

Jacobite white roses will be grown, and plants and shrubs arranged to form clan badges of the Highlanders who took part in the raising of the standard.

TAKE A FRIEND ALONG TO A YOUTH HOSTEL

Nearly 57,000 youngsters under 16 joined the Youth Hostels Association last year and total membership is now approaching 200,000. It costs only a few shillings a year to belong, and there is plenty of room for more. To encourage friends to join, members can now take them along to stay for one or two nights at a youth hostel.

All details are given in the Y.H.A. Handbook 1960, obtainable by sending 11d. to the headquarters: Trevelyan House, 8 St. Stephen's Hill, St. Albans, Herts.

Another New Year begins this week

As midnight chimes on 27th January, millions of Chinese all over the world will usher in their own New Year, which they call the Spring Festival.

In restaurants and clubs gaily decorated with lanterns and huge dragons, symbols of luck and happiness, there will be celebration feasts of national dishes prepared by Chinese chefs.

When clocks strike twelve, bursting firecrackers will be let off to clear the heavily scented air of evil spirits. Chinese homes are decorated for the occasion with strips of red paper bearing appropriate wishes, such as "May the

Whole Family Live in Peace" and "Harmony in the House Brings Success in Everything."

The Chinese Spring Festival is a survival of an ancient tradition, which had its origin in the dim past. It is the biggest day in the life of Chinese men and women, especially those exiled overseas. Tradition says that on that day everyone must forgive his enemies in order to start the next twelve months with a clean slate.

Young people kow-tow to their parents and elders and wish them the Five Blessings: Happiness, Longevity, Riches, Joy—and a Good Salary.

**NOW
OPEN!**

The CN National Handwriting Test

**1,182
PRIZES**

THE news of another great *Children's Newspaper* writing test—first released generally in last week's issue—has aroused enormous interest, and requests for the special Entry Forms are now coming in fast.

This is the *eighth* of these nation-wide Tests to be held by the CN, and schools and teachers are again invited to co-operate by allowing their pupils to enter.

This time the competition is for all full-time pupils of schools and colleges in Great Britain, all Ireland, and the Channel Islands who are *under 18*. There are *FOUR AGE GROUPS*, too, each with prizes for schools as well as pupils.

Each entrant has simply to copy the Test Passage—a short passage on Road Safety printed on the Entry Form, and which all boys and girls should take to heart—in their

normal handwriting, as taught in school.

The Entry Forms are for issue only through schools, and 1182 prizes—totalling £1,000 in value—will be awarded for the best entries.

If you would like to win for your school as well as for yourself, please show this page to your Teacher, and (unless the School has already applied) ask him or her kindly to complete the coupon here and send it to CN. Entries *must* be completed on the proper Entry Form.

There is *no* entry fee, but when returned every Form must have affixed to it one of the Tokens (marked "CN Writing Test 1960") from *Children's Newspaper*. There is one on the back page of this issue; cut it out if you hope to use it. You will want to, of course—see the tremendous prize list:

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Group B Ages 9 to under 11

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SECOND PRIZES:
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THIRD PRIZES:
To the School £10
Prize-winning Pupil £3

FOURTH PRIZES:
To the School £5
Prize-winning Pupil £2

Group C Pupils of 11 to under 13

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SECOND PRIZES:
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THIRD PRIZES:
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Group D Ages 13 to under 18

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SECOND PRIZES:
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THIRD PRIZES:
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Teachers are asked kindly to assess the number of forms required as closely as possible, and to send for them on this coupon. The supply will then be sent *free and post free*, to be handed out at school.

The Test effort may be done in school or at home, at the discretion of the Teacher, who is asked to sign it on completion.

Last date for form applications, Monday, 29th February—closing date for entries, Thursday, 31st March, and these when completed are to be sent in in accordance with the rules on the Entry Form.

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HANK RIDES AGAIN

"My name is Hank the Cowboy." This signature tune will ring out again next Monday in B.B.C. Junior TV. Back comes Hank, the unruffled rough-rider created by artist Francis Coudrill.

Some years ago Hank and his blustering rival, Mexican Pete, were "regulars" in Children's TV. Both puppets appeared in the studio "live," if that is the right expression. This time, however, they will be seen in a series of six films using a new system devised by Francis Coudrill.

"You could call me a one-man film unit," he told me. "I manipulate Hank and Pete, write the script, operate the camera and prepare the sound track. Occasionally my wife will start the camera working, but usually I set it going myself, then run out in front and take up position with the puppets."

Mr. Coudrill's studio is in his home at Beaconsfield, Bucks. A professional artist, he used to take Hank to parties and club shows as a sparetime hobby in the evenings. One day he was spotted by comedian Norman Evans, who said he and Hank could make their living as entertainers.



Francis Coudrill with Hank

Mystery in the museum

PRODUCER WHO LINKED TEN COUNTRIES

INTERESTED in mummies? Then tune in to *Playbox* in B.B.C. Junior TV this Thursday. In *The Six Clue Challenge*, Detective Inspector Bruce will be ferreting among the secrets of a museum filled with Egyptian antiquities. Eerie things may happen when he

IF a boy has "show business" in his blood, you cannot keep him out of it. That seems to be the lesson from the career of Francis Essex, who made his name as a B.B.C. television producer and has just joined Associated Television.

When a 17-year-old office boy with Chappell's, the music publishers, he produced his first show, *Radio Cocktails*, at a church hall in Clapham. Unluckily it was the coldest night for 21 years and Francis found himself £10 out of pocket.

While he and his brother Tony (now with the B.B.C.) were in the R.A.F., they formed their own unofficial film unit, making 20-minute "shorts."

Francis Essex is famous for technical "gimmicks." He produced the first-ever TV programme in which ten European countries took part. Other pioneering efforts of his were having an orchestra accompanying artists hundreds of miles away, and inserting into a B.B.C. show a number of Variety acts coming "live" from other countries.

PROGRAMMES and PEOPLE on TV and RADIO by Ernest Thomson

goes there at midnight to unravel The Case of the Pharaoh's Curse.

Two girls and a boy from Wales will have an exciting time in the Inter-Regional Quiz Championship. They are Sharon Clarke of Cardiff, Susan Rickets of Barry, and Richard Colley of Newport—the original first-round team.

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MEN BEHIND THE MUSIC

Lives of five great composers

MOZART, Beethoven, Schubert, Chopin, and Grieg are the "heroes" of *Prelude to Finale*, a weekly series of five plays beginning in B.B.C. Children's Hour next Sunday.

The plays, which take the form of dramatised incidents in the lives of the composers, with selections from their music, have been written by Geoffrey Trease, author of the *Black Banner* series of plays which have been broadcast in the North Regional Children's Hour.

Mozart next Sunday will be played by 25-year-old David Spenser, who first broadcast when he was eleven, and had his first big radio success in the *Just William* series.

David himself loves good music and collects classical gramophone records.



David Spenser

Baby giraffes in the picture

THERE will be no attempt to conceal the cameras when *Zootime* visits the giraffe house this Thursday. "Giraffes love being televised as long as they know they are being televised," explained Dr. Desmond Morris, the Granada TV Zoo guide.

A new building is being erected beside the giraffe house, and on the morning work began the giraffes nearly went frantic with all the banging and hammering. "But from the minute we walked them round and showed them what the noise was all about, they were perfectly happy," said Dr. Morris.

The stars in this week's TV are two baby giraffes, John and Mary.

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A SUNSHINE WEEKLY

When the rescuer was rescued

BARRIE EDGAR will be back in his workshop to tell another story in B.B.C. Television's *Sunday Special*, on 31st January.

Last October, you may remember, he built a model of the Walrus amphibian aircraft he flew in Air-Sea Rescue operations during the War. This time we can see him putting the finishing touches to a model of an R.A.F. high-speed rescue launch. He will also show some actual war-time film of these launches at work, and will tell of one of his most exciting experiences.

One day he was flying his Walrus when he spotted a British pilot in the sea off the French coast. Barry picked him up, but the water was so rough that he was unable to take off again. They both had to be rescued by launch.



Barrie Edgar at the controls of the Midland Region TV unit

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THOSE DEER YOU SEE IN THE PARK

Two kinds of deer, the red deer and the fallow deer, are commonly kept in the big private and Royal parks of Britain.

The red deer is the larger of the two. The topmost spikes of the antlers of a good stag overtop a six-foot man. The red deer is coloured dark brown or grey-brown in Winter, but in Summer may also turn dark red or buff. It is never spotted.

The fallow deer has antlers not reaching much above 5 feet, and shoulders to 3 feet, about six inches lower than those of the red deer. In Summer the buck, as the male fallow deer is known, is easy to distinguish from the red deer, because not only has it got palmated or flattened antlers, but its colour is chestnut-brown covered with conspicuous white spots. In Winter these spots are lost and the colour becomes darker.

The females of these deer are smaller than their males. The red deer hind stands about 3 feet high and has a longer tail. Fortunately, in parks you do not usually see the females away from the males, but in the wild an odd antler-less deer seen only briefly

as it bounds away through the woods may be hard to identify.

The young deer—called calves in the red deer, fawns in the fallow deer—are spotted with

white. Red deer calves are born in May and June, fallow fawns a month later.

When the red deer stag calf is live or six months old, it starts to grow two pedicles on its forehead (hinds, of course, do not have antlers). These pedicles are the bony bases of the future antlers. At a year old the young stag begins to grow its first antlers in the shape of spikes four or five inches long.

The spikes, like the future antlers, are covered with fine hair called velvet, and this is rubbed off in late Summer by the animal fraying against trees or bushes. In this way much damage can be done to young trees, and this is one reason why deer are not always popular with foresters.

The first spikes are shed in May when the young stag is two years old, and immediately the first true antlers start to grow. These have a short branch at the base, called the brow tine, and sometimes there is a second short branch, higher up, called the trez or trey tine. After this much depends on how much food is available for the stag to eat, and on the general climatic and living conditions. Some poor stags never develop much more than this.

Good points

A good stag, however, has at least twelve "points" on its antlers, six on each side. In addition to the brow and trey tines, it has in between them another short branch called the bey or bez tine. And at the tip of each antler there should be at least three points, making a cup or crown. Such a crowned stag is known to sportsmen as a "royal," who, they say, "has all his rights."

A really first-class stag has more than twelve points. The record British stag, which came from the West Country, had no fewer than 20 points.

Deer are interesting animals, and if you want to know more about them, and how to identify them, ask your local library for the *Field Guide to British Deer*. This deals not only with red and fallow deer, but with the other species to be found in our woods, the native roe and the introduced sika and muntjac. Alternatively you can get a copy for yourself by sending 10s. 6d. to the Publications Officer of the Mammal Society, Brock Cottage, Lyndhurst, Hants. A revised edition has just appeared.

RICHARD FITTER



Fallow deer buck with flattened antlers
John Markham



Red deer stag at rest

British invasion of New York

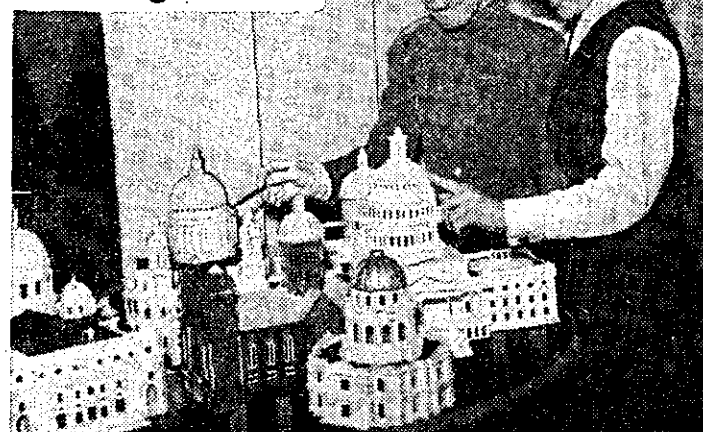
British troops will peacefully invade New York in June. A British military tournament and tattoo is to be staged in Madison Square Garden from 18th June until 4th July, and about 500 men will take part.

The first event of the kind ever to be held in the United States, it will include trumpeters from the Household Cavalry, drill displays by the Guards, an assault course race by the Royal Marines, motor cycle acrobatics by the Royal

Signals, and the massed pipes and drums of the Scots Guards and the Seaforth Highlanders.

The tournament will be the chief supporting feature of the British Exhibition, a magnificent shop window for British products which is to be held in New York's Coliseum Building from 10th to 26th June. This exhibition will cost well over £2,000,000 to stage, and the goods of more than 400 British firms will be on view.

Domes are her special subject



This young lady from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, won first prize in an essay competition. The subject was the famous domes of the world and the prize was a trip to Europe. She is 12-year-old Melissa Hickes and is seen at a Press Conference at the Savoy Hotel, London, pointing out the dome of the Capitol at Washington in a collection of models. A page-boy points to St. Paul's



BACK FROM THE DEAD

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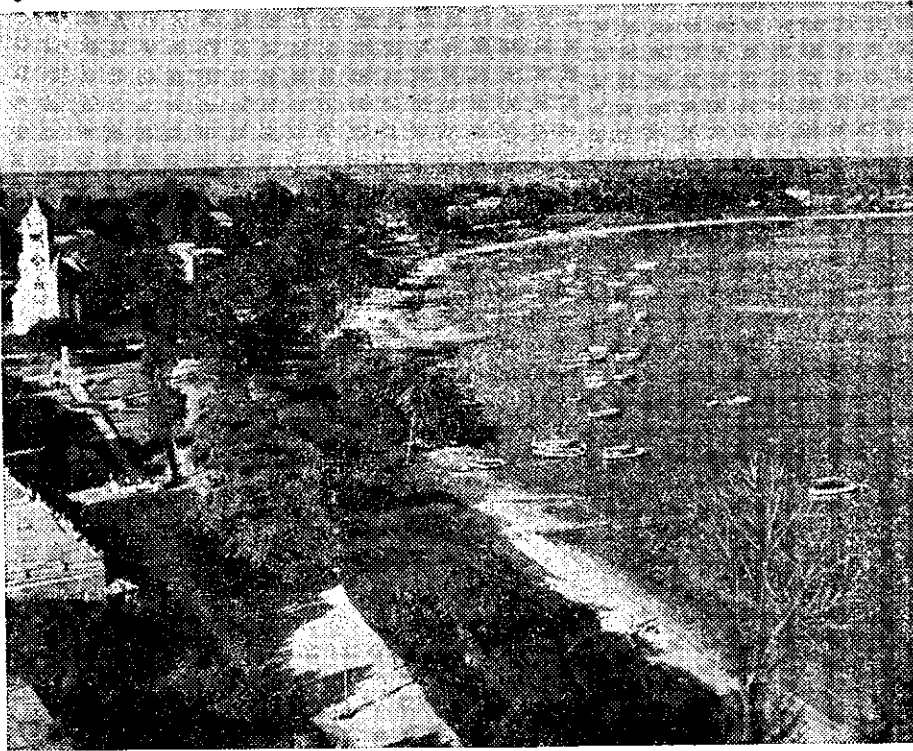


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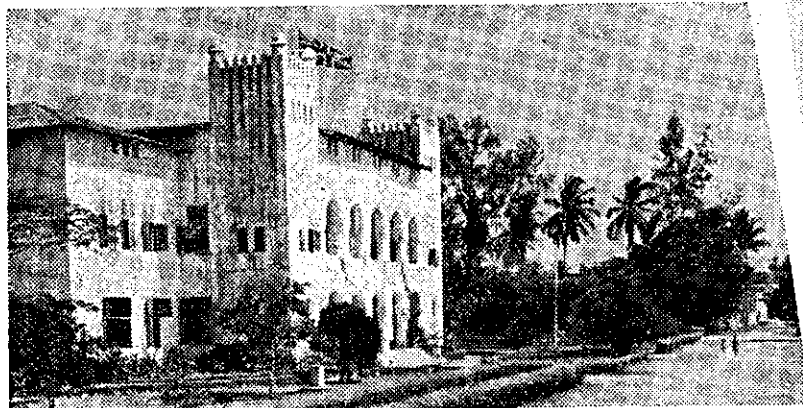
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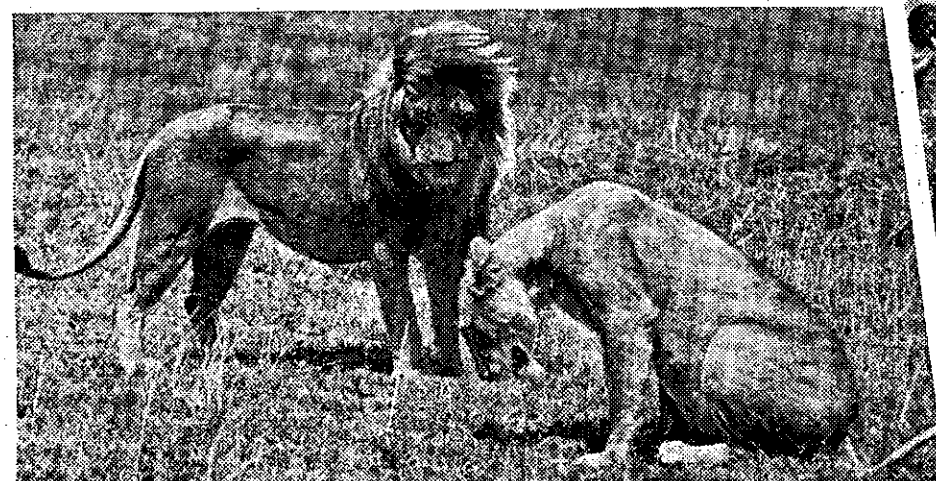
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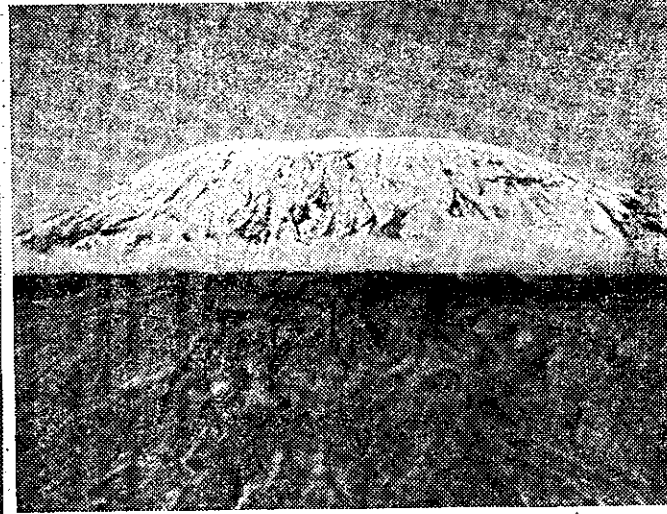
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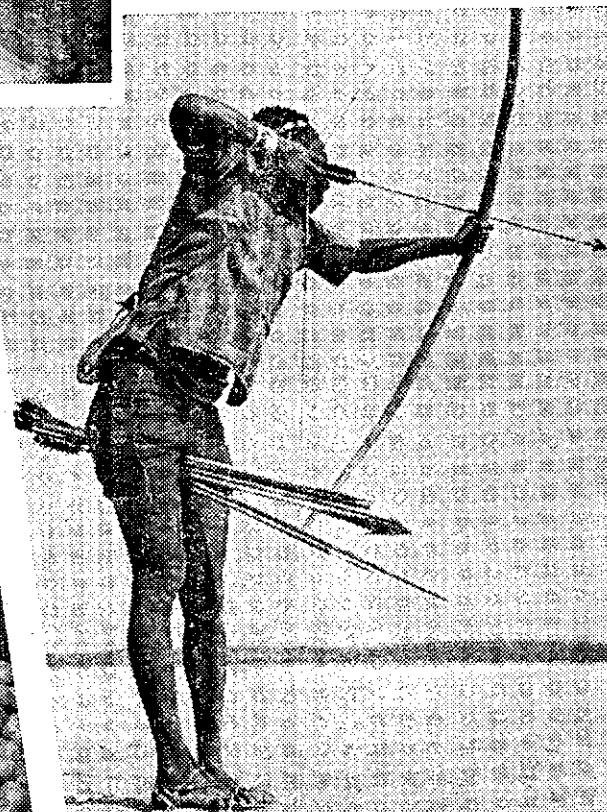
Oranges for sale at one of the markets in the capital



Wild lions are one of the familiar sights of Tanganyika



Snows of Kilimanjaro seen from an aeroplane



Bushman hunter with bow and poisoned arrows



Head-dress of a tribal leader



Hippo tusks as trimming for a hat



Scout and Guide band in a combined parade



Grinding corn in a

TANGANYIKA is an East African country administered by Britain under United Nations Trusteeship. The area—nearly four times that of Britain—is 362,688 square miles, and includes about half of the two great lakes, Tanganyika and Victoria. The coastline is about 500 miles long. The country consists largely of scrub and bush-covered plateau about 4,000 feet high. The population of nine million, includes 21,000 Europeans and 106,000 Asians.

UNTIL the middle of the 19th century the interior of Tanganyika was unknown to Europeans, but in 1858 the British explorers Burton and Speke discovered Lake Tanganyika. In 1884 German explorers made

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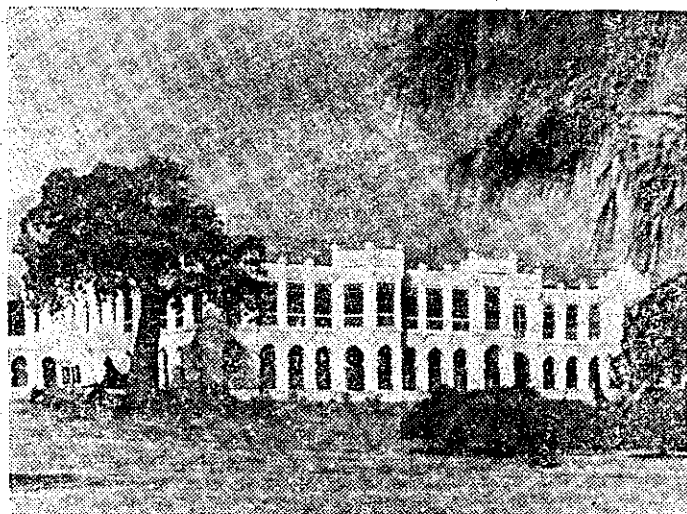
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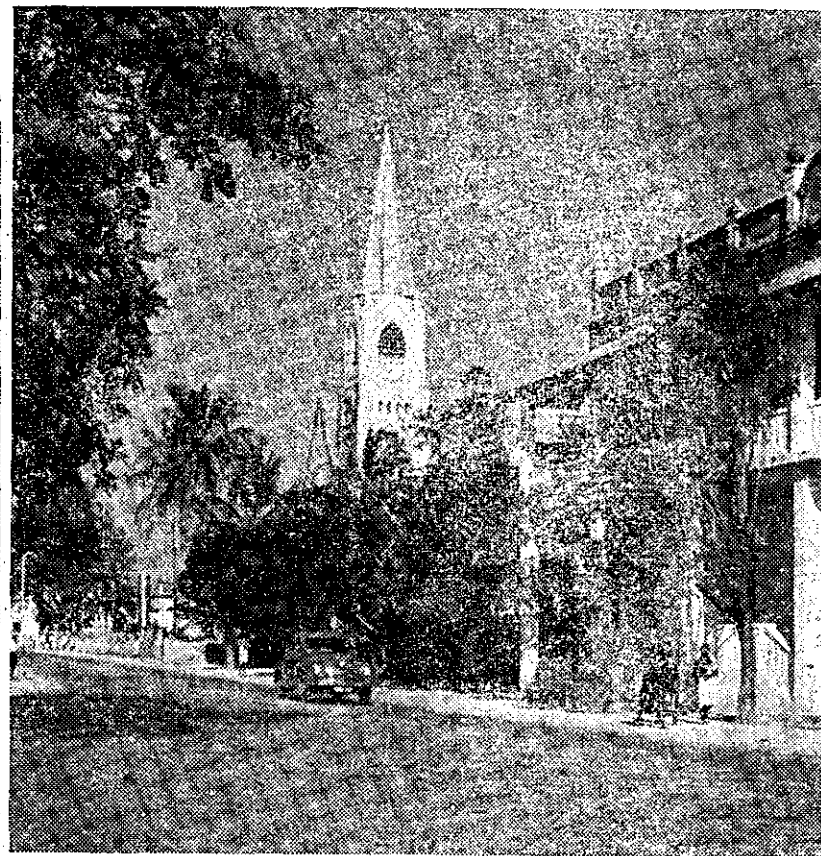
treaties with some of the tribal chiefs. Six years later Germany, established a Protectorate, known as German East Africa. After the First World War the country was entrusted to Britain by League of Nations mandate. This became United Nations' Trusteeship in 1946. Now, under the able leadership of Mr. Julius Nyerere, this African country is making great strides towards self-government and ultimate independence.

THE people are mostly engaged in cattle-raising and agriculture, their most valuable crops being sisal (for rope-making), coffee, cotton, and oil seed. Mineral wealth includes diamonds, gold, and lead.

Some of these photographs are by the Tanganyika Public Relations Department.



Government House in the capital, Dar-es-Salaam



Tropical trees line the main street of Dar-es-Salaam



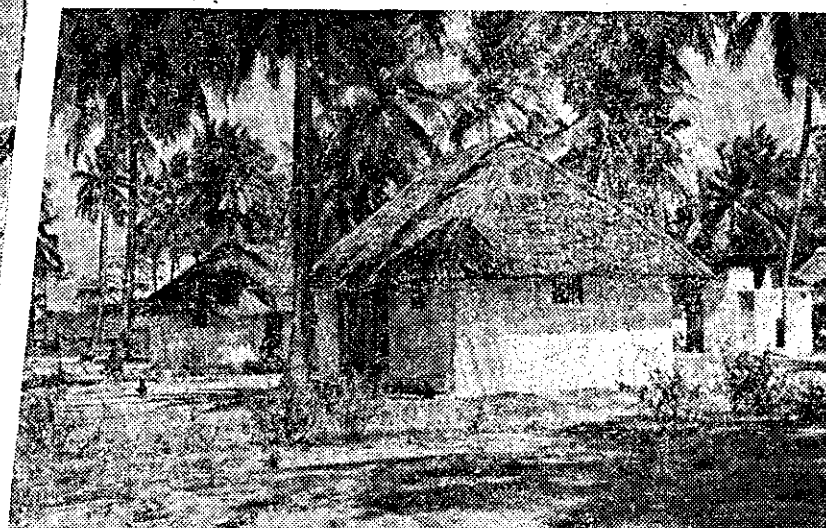
Masai warrior with lion's mane helmet



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Municipal housing estate under the palms at Dar-es-Salaam



Elephants are still seen in large numbers in parts of the territory



Sisal hemp for rope-making is Tanganyika's chief product

hand mill

At the Royal Academy



THE Royal Academy's Winter Exhibition, open until 6th March, is devoted to Italian art collected by British people since the time of Charles the First. Containing about 650 works by artists of the 14th to the 18th centuries,

including some of the most famous Old Masters, it forms a magnificent collection. The delightful painting reproduced here—*Three Children*, by Sophonisba Anguisciola (1528-1625)—is from the collection of Lord Methuen.

His house of pumice stone

Four years ago a New Zealand schoolmaster, Mr. F. R. Sharplin, built himself a house of pumice stone on the shores of the Bay of Plenty, North Island. He has lived in it ever since.

In that time the house has withstood several earthquakes, without even a crack to mark such events. There is no heating, because the tiny air holes in the pumice provide insulation which keeps the house warm in winter and cool in summer.

Many millions of tons of pumice are available in the thermal region of North Island; it may be that they will help to solve New Zealand's housing problem.

HEN'S JOY-RIDE

A hen which went to roost on a load of sugar beet at Hockwold, Norfolk, woke up in a sugar beet factory! She had ridden on the load for 12 miles and was later returned unharmed to the farm.

"Uncle Bill" comes home again

Field Marshal Sir William Slim is "on his way home." Australia's Governor-General since 1953, "Uncle Bill," as he is known to Australians, will leave behind a string of homely recollections of a man of immense personality.

A West Countryman, born on 6th August, 1891, Bill Slim spent most of his youth in Birmingham, where he went to King Edward's School. He started his adult life as a junior clerk in a local city office. Then he became a test gang foreman and after that an elementary schoolteacher.

On the outbreak of the First World War he joined the Royal Warwickshire Regiment, in which Viscount Montgomery was one of the officers. After a short spell in the ranks, Private William Joseph Slim was given a commission, and by August 1915 had been in action and wounded at Gallipoli.

He was eventually discharged as permanently unfit, but within a

year found his way back to military life and spent the next 20 years in the Indian Army. It was as a brigade commander of the Tenth Indian Division that he fought in the Sudan and was wounded again in the Second World War. Then, when Burma was falling, he was sent to command the First Burma Corps.

His masterly handling of the situation brought him command of the famous Fourteenth Army which finally cleared the Japanese from the Indian frontier and right out of the sub-continent.

He left the army to become a full-time member of the British Railways Executive. Then, in 1948, when a new Chief of the Imperial General Staff was needed, the War Office brought General Slim out of retirement. From General he was promoted Field Marshal.

The climax to a great career came when Sir William Slim was appointed Governor-General of



Australia, and was sworn in at Canberra on 8th May, 1953.

Now "Uncle Bill" returns home again for a well-earned rest.

His successor is Lord Dunrossil, better known as Mr. W. S. Morrison, Speaker of the House of Commons from 1951 till September of last year.

ON RECORD

New discs to note

EDDIE COCHRAN: *Hallelujah I Love Her So* on London HLW9022. Twenty-one-year-old Eddie has just been here on a visit.



You probably saw him in the television programme *Boy Meets Girls*. He has a rasp-voiced enthusiasm which makes his records just that much more fun than most of the beat singers. Interesting on this record is the use of strings to mark the rhythm. (45. 6s. 4d.)

ERNEST MAXIN: *Take A Giant Step* and *On The Beach* on Top Rank JAR267. In the past Ernest Maxin's name has always appeared in the television papers as that of a producer of first-class variety shows. Now he has gathered together a studio orchestra and turned to another kind of production, a recording of two most attractive film themes. (45. 6s. 4d.)

BERLIOZ: *Symphonie Fantastique* on Top Rank 35/057. This piece tells a story about the dreams and imaginings of a young poet. His imagination takes him to a ball, a country field and a gathering of witches, giving Berlioz the opportunity to describe in colourful musical phrases the contrasts and drama of the scenes. Sir Eugene Goossens is the conductor of the London Symphony Orchestra for this excellent recording. (LP. 35s.)

PETULA CLARK: *I Love A Violin and Guitare et Tambourin* on Pye N15244. Pet is almost a split personality on this recording. The first side is a charming, unusual song which Pet recorded on a visit to America. The second is a brisk little melody sung in French especially for the many record-buyers in France. (45. 6s. 4d.)

HAYDN: *Symphony No. 101 in D Major* on Decca BR3019. This symphony starts very quietly, almost sleepily, but after a few bars the mood changes completely and the orchestra races breathlessly through one of Haydn's happiest pieces. It is known as the "Clock" symphony. (LP. 19s. 10½d.)

UFFA FOX: *Songs Of The Sea* on Parlophone PMC1112. Uffa Fox is known throughout the world for his association with yacht-racing and boat-building, but this is the first time his talent for singing has been made public. He certainly has the right voice for hearty sea shanties. (LP. 34s. 1½d.)

CRAIG DOUGLAS: *Pretty Blue Eyes* on Top Rank JAR268. There is an attractive backing from the orchestra and chorus for this lilt-



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The Children's Newspaper, 30th January, 1960

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THE TROUBLE WITH JENNINGS

by Anthony Buckeridge

Jennings is planning to give Darbshire a music stand for his birthday, and sells his telescope case to raise the money. Meanwhile, Darbshire has swapped his recorder for Venables' telescope in order to give Jennings an unexpected treat. Jennings intends to carry out some experiments with his snorkel on his next bathnight.

4. A case of obstruction

THE sounding of the dormitory bell on Friday evening was followed by the thunder of 79 pairs of juvenile footwear ascending the uncarpeted stairs on their way to bed.

The tail end of the queue had only just reached the top landing when two half-clad figures came scurrying out of dormitory 4, struggling into their dressing-gowns as they ran.

"Jennings! Darbshire! Where are you off to in such a hurry?" Mr. Wilkins demanded.

The leading athlete skidded to

cubele at the far end of the landing.

"Off you go, Jennings, and start running your bath," Mr. Wilkins ordered. He frowned in disapproval at a length of garden hose trailing out from the boy's dressing-gown pocket. "And you'd better let me take care of that rubber tubing. You won't need it in the bath."

The boy clutched his possession and gave a little gasp of protest. "Oh but, sir, I do want it, sir. Please don't confiscate it. I want to try out an important experiment." Perhaps Mr. Wilkins would be more reasonable if the project was explained to him in more detail, he decided. "You see, sir, if, say, for instance, I was a frogman swimming along under the water I should have a breathing tube something like . . ."

Any interest which Mr. Wilkins might have had in the aims of this vital experiment were dispelled by excited cries coming from Dormitory 4, across the landing.

"Clear the runway! Stand by for the famous launching!" came in tones which clearly belonged to Venables. This was followed by Atkinson counting out the seconds to the take-off at the top of his penetrating voice. "5—4—3—2—1—zero Whoof! She's off!"

Mr. Wilkins swung round in exasperation. "What on earth is that horrible hullabuloo going on in there?"

"I think it's a four-stage rocket going up, sir," Jennings replied. "I'll give them a rocket," the duty master threatened. Forgetful of his intention to confiscate the snorkel, he marched out of the bathroom to restore order in

can't do that till I'm in the water and ready to submerge," he answered.

"I'll come back later, then," Darbshire replied. "I must get back to my bathroom. I told you I've left the water running."

Darbshire was not absent long. Jennings had scarcely had time to remove his socks and hang his dressing-gown on the door when his friend burst into the room, his face contorted with horror and dismay.

"Quick, quick! Something terrible's happened!" he blurted out.

"What?"

"I've shut myself out of the bathroom."

"How did you do that?"

"I don't know. I pulled the door to behind me when I came along to see you just now and when I went back I couldn't open it."

"Perhaps it's just stiff," Jennings suggested.

Darbshire shook his head. "No, it's not. There's something holding it the other side."

Rickety contraption

A moment's thought gave Jennings the answer to the mystery. The last time he had bathed in the little narrow room at the end of the landing he had had trouble with the towel rail—a rickety wooden contraption with a broken foot which had kept toppling over against the bath where he was washing. Clearly the same sort of thing had happened again, only this time it must have fallen forward in such a way that it was causing an obstruction in the confined space between the door and the end of the bath.

"It's that ancient towel rail," he said. "It did it to me the last time I was in bathroom 3."

"Yes, but I'm outside bathroom 3!" Darbshire protested with mounting anxiety. "If it's gone and got itself wedged whatever am I to do?"

Tap left running

"You'll have to go without your bath, that's all."

"All!" Darbshire waved his arms in panic-stricken circles. "But don't you realise—I've left the tap running. How am I going to get in to stop it?"

"Wow!" Jennings was aghast at the revelation. "Come on, then, let's see what we can do."

He had been on the point of removing his snorkel from the water when Darbshire had broken the news of the sudden crisis. Hurriedly, he turned off the taps and, without thinking, hung the

hose over the side of the bath with one end trailing down over the rim. Then he scampered from the room, hard on the heels of Darbshire who was already running back to the scene of threatened disaster.

They could hear the water running into the bath as they approached the door. Jennings seized the knob and together they pushed with all their strength. Their efforts were in vain. The towel rail was a solid wedge completely blocking the space between bath and door.

"You are a gruesome specimen, Darbi," Jennings panted. "Why didn't you turn the water off before you came along to my bathroom?"

"How was I to know I was going to get shut out!" Darbshire protested. "I was only away for a few seconds, anyway."

Horrible vision

Panic-stricken, Darbshire renewed his attack on the door. All too clearly he could hear the water splashing; in his mind's eye he could see the level rising inch by inch. As he tried to blot this horrible vision from his mind the deep voice of the master on duty boomed out suddenly from the far end of the landing.

"Jennings! Darbshire! What are you doing there? Why aren't you having your baths?"

Both boys swung round at the sound of his voice. Distressing though the results might be it was high time, they felt, that some

responsible adult took control of the situation.

"Oh, sir! Come quickly! There's been a ghastly accident, sir!" Jennings exclaimed. "Darbshire has barricaded himself out of the bathroom."

"Accident! What on earth are you two talking about?" demanded Mr. Wilkins as he paced along the landing.

"It's the stupid towel rail, sir. It's fallen over and got wedged, sir."

All in hot water

Some seconds were wasted while Mr. Wilkins vainly wrestled with the immovable door. Then he stopped suddenly as the sound of running water caught his ear. So far he had not realised the gravity of the situation, but now a horrifying suspicion flashed into his mind. Abruptly he barked out: "What's that splashing noise I can hear?"

"That's my bath filling up, sir," Darbshire confessed.

"What!" Mr. Wilkins leaped as though he had been stung.

"Yes, sir. Only the hot tap, though," Darbshire said by way of softening the blow.

"Doh!" The master on duty clasped his hand to his head. "Don't you realise it'll be up to the overflow very shortly. If we don't get in and stop it we shall have the whole floor awash in a matter of minutes." In desperation he returned to his hopeless task, straining with all his might.

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"Whatever are you doing, Wilkins? Is there anyone inside?" asked Mr. Carter

a halt. "Bathroom 2, sir. It's my bathnight, tonight."

"And mine too, sir," added the runner-up. "Bathroom No. 3, sir. We've been awfully quick getting ready, sir, haven't we, sir?"

"Well, mind you go on being quick," Mr. Wilkins grunted. "And make sure you scrub your knees properly, Darbshire. The backs as well as the fronts, don't forget."

"Yes, rather, sir. I'll be ever so ruthless," Darbshire promised. He scurried away past bathroom No. 2, heading for his own bath

the dormitory.

Jennings sighed with relief as he tossed his snorkel into the bath and turned on the taps. A moment later Darbshire's head appeared round the cubicle door. "Where's Old Wilkie beetled off to?" he inquired.

"He's gone into our dorm. Come in and wait, Darbi. My bath's not full yet."

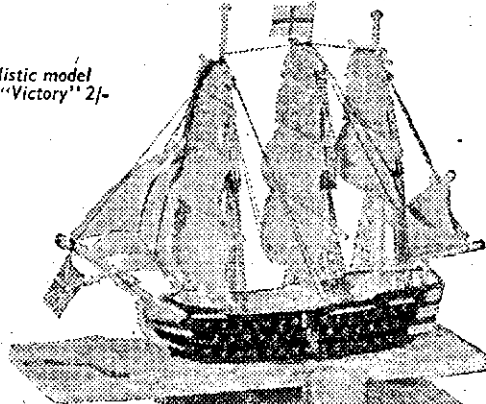
"I can't stop. I've left my hot tap running," Darbshire explained. "I just thought I'd look in to see if you were ready for ye grand demonstration."

Jennings shook his head. "I

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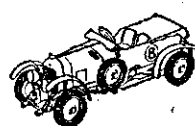


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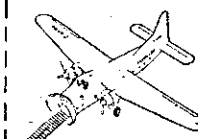
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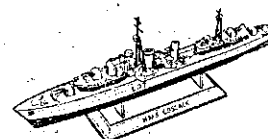
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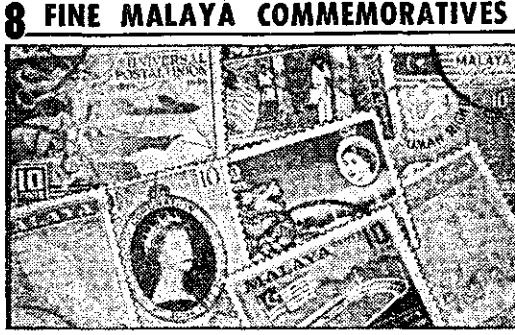
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WORLD OF STAMPS

GUESTS WHO FORGOT THEIR MANNERS AT THE BANQUET

A STATE banquet is usually a formal occasion, with all the guests on their best behaviour. But there was a certain State banquet, held 75 years ago by the King of Korea, which ended in a serious riot.

This banquet was intended to celebrate the opening in Seoul, the capital, of Korea's first post office. Many Koreans were bitterly opposed to the introduction of such



Western ideas into their remote land. Arguments which led to fighting broke out at the banquet, and a Korean prince was badly injured.

Finally, after several days of rioting, the new post office was burned to the ground and sheets of unused stamps were scattered about the streets.

The King of Korea was forced to postpone the opening of a postal service until ten years later, in 1895; but the ill-fated State banquet had one good result. An American mission doctor was able, by his skill and care, to save the life of the badly injured prince. After this the Koreans allowed Christian missionaries to travel freely throughout the country, preaching the Gospel of Jesus.

Korea now produces some attractive and interesting stamps.



One recent issue, showing relay runners, marks the 40th Korean National Games. For the New Year of 1960 a gay little stamp showing two mice was issued earlier this month. Other recent issues include two

Red Cross stamps and one in honour of the Korean Railways.

The Australian Postmaster-General has been giving some news of stamps to be issued later this year in Australia. One will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Australian Girl Guide Movement.

There will also be another flower stamp. Designed by Miss Margaret Stones, the Australian artist now working at Kew Gardens, Surrey, the stamp will show Christmas bells.

Three years ago a two-shilling stamp was issued for use in the various outposts which Australia maintains for scientific and weather research in Antarctica. Four more values have now been added to make a complete series.

Three of the new stamps show maps of the Antarctica Territory.

with various views in the foreground. On the 2s. 3d. stamp are two Emperor penguins with their chick.

These new stamps can be used for postage in Australia as well as in Antarctica, so used specimens should not be difficult to obtain.

Many other countries, including New Zealand, Russia, and Belgium, have issued stamps in recent

years for their Antarctic expeditions. One of the most attractive comes from Japan. Once again the quaint and lovable penguin occupies a prominent place in the design, while in the background is the ship, Soya, in which the Japanese Antarctic expedition travelled. C. W. HILL.

Other recent issues include two

THE TROUBLE WITH JENNINGS

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It was at this moment that Mr. Carter came along the landing on his way downstairs to the headmaster's study. He stopped in surprise at the sight of his colleague pushing against the bathroom door, like a rugger scrum seeking to gain ground. "Whatever are you doing, Wilkins? Is there anyone inside?" he inquired in a shocked voice.

The one-man rugger scrum stood upright. "I only wish there was someone inside," he muttered. "Then perhaps he'd open the door for us." He pointed an accusing finger at the cause of the trouble, now squirming with appre-

hension and hopping from foot to foot in guilty shame. "This silly little boy, Darbishire, has brilliantly barricaded the door from the inside."

"Dear me. How very awkward," said Mr. Carter.

The calm note galvanised Mr. Wilkins into an outburst of protest "Awkward! Is that all you can say? I tell you, Carter, if we don't get inside pretty soon there'll be a flood, a deluge; the landing will be knee deep; we shall have torrents of water cascading down the stairs like the Niagara Falls. You don't seem to realise how urgent it is."

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PUZZLE PARADE

Weather forecast

Add the same letter to each of the following and then re-arrange the letters to form four words connected with the weather.

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ROUND-UP THE SQUARES

The famous squares given here seem to have been linked with the wrong cities. Can you sort them out?

MADISON SQUARE, London; Red Square, Paris; Puerta del Sol, Moscow; Trafalgar Square, Madrid; Place de la Concorde, New York.

Name the towns

Can you name the county towns of the following?

DEVONSHIRE; Suffolk; Cumberland; Essex.



TREES ON A LEAF

CAN you solve the problem set by each illustration? If you do so correctly you will form the names of six familiar trees.

Artist with a diamond point



Watched by her eldest son, Mrs. Sheila Elmhirst of Ipswich works at the ancient craft of diamond-point engraving on glass. Mrs. Elmhirst has already done work for Mr. Macmillan and President Eisenhower.

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES

Weather forecast. Mist; hail; rain; wind. Round-up the squares. Madison Square—New York; Red Square—Moscow; Puerta del Sol—Madrid; Trafalgar Square—London; Place de la Concorde—Paris. Name the towns. Exeter; Ipswich; Carlisle; Chelmsford. Trees on a leaf. Larch; cedar; willow; oak; elder; chestnut.

LAST WEEK'S ANSWER

HARM RAIL
A EAGER A
LOST PEAT
LOT PEACH
Z ALL R
REPLY NEM
USED MUSE
S REGAL E
TIER PLOT

Hidden river
basin
graced
raven
cherry
lovely
canal

MIXED DOUBLES

1 Belle, bell. 2 Lapse, laps. 3 Minor, miner. 4 Ruse, rues. 5 Die, dye. 6 Beer, bier.

MIXED DOUBLES

IN each of the following pairs of numbered sentences, the blanks represent two words which sound alike but are spelt differently. Can you write them all correctly?

Answers are given in column 5

- My sister was the — of the ball.
The — rang for the end of the lesson.
- He made a mistake due to a — of memory.
See how the cat — up milk.
- I was unable to vote as I am still a —.
My uncle is a — who works underground.
- His opponent defeated him by a cunning —.
She — the day when she ran away from home.
- These delicate flowers will soon wither and —.
I want to — my coat a different colour.
- "Life isn't all — and skittles."
The coffin was borne on a —.

How many can you find?



Look closely at the picture and see how many things beginning with the letter S you can find. There are at least a dozen.

Find the animal

Can you find the name of a popular breed of dog from the following clues? Each figure indicates the position of a letter in the answer.

LETTERS 432 spell a short sleep.
Numbers 256 will provide a tasty piece of pastry.

1357 will be found on a yacht.
14357 will spell the name of a slow-moving and slimy creature.

HIDDEN RIVER

If the clues are answered correctly, the name of a British river can be read downwards in the centre.

For washing.
Avarice.
Large black bird.
Inexpensive.
Motor vehicle.
Artificial waterway.

BILLY RIDES HOME IN COMFORT

AFTER hearing of Billy's efforts with his home-made toboggan, Daddy decided to make a proper one. It was ready on Saturday morning, with the runners well greased and a rope handle to pull it along.

"But only for use on the Common, not on the pavements," said Daddy.

Before going up to the Common, Billy spent some time trying the toboggan in the garden. He gave it a hard shove, then jumped on to slide the rest of the way.

Finally he set off with Rover frisking at his heels. But trudging through the snow was hard work and by the time he reached the Common he was already tired. Then he remembered that the best slopes were right across the other side of the Common.

"Oh dear," he muttered as he ploughed on, "I feel like Hillary crossing the South Pole." But he soon recovered when he reached the slopes, and he had a grand time whizzing down at full speed.

It was not until he started for home that he realised how tired he was. The snow seemed thicker, the toboggan seemed heavier, and the edge of the Common seemed such a long way away.

It was while he was sitting down having a rest that he saw an unusual sight—a pony and trap. That was all Billy needed.

"Come on, Rover," he called. "You are going to be a sledge-

dog." With a piece of string he quickly fastened the rope to Rover's collar. "Mush, boy, mush," he cried.

Unfortunately, Rover did not understand the Eskimo language, but it was not long before he got the idea of what was wanted, and then the pair of them fairly raced across the snow.

Daddy was sweeping the path when they arrived home. "Look, Daddy," cried Billy. "I expect this is the first time you've ever known a Labrador change into a Husky—"

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SECOND TEST

BATSMAN'S PARADISE
AT PORT OF SPAIN

AFTER the glut of runs and records in the first Test Match at Bridgetown, which ended in a draw, Peter May and the M.C.C. tourists begin the second Test against the West Indies on Thursday knowing well what to expect and what is expected of them.

The match is to be played at the beautiful Port of Spain ground, Trinidad, and if the record books are anything to go by we can anticipate another spate of runs.

The Port of Spain wicket has always been a batsman's paradise. In 1930, when England recorded their only Test victory in Trinidad, 1,100 runs were scored. In 1948 a total of 1,300 runs for 33 wickets

resulted in a draw; and on the last tour, in 1954, a six-day draw saw 1,528 runs scored for the loss of only 25 wickets.

In the first innings of that match Everton Weekes and Frank Worrell set up a third-wicket record of 338. A fortnight ago Worrell was again concerned in record-breaking when he and Garfield Sobers shared a fourth-wicket stand of 399.

When the first Test of the series began few people gave England even an outside chance of winning. On Thursday, with Statham fit again and our batsmen showing good form, the England players will begin the game in a much more confident mood.

All getting down to the start



This spectacular 'mass start' was seen during a national training course for young athletes organised by the A.A.A. at Motspur Park, Surrey. Nearly a hundred runners were taking part

LECTURING TO
10,000 GOLFERS

DURING the next two months Dai Rees will give lectures to nearly 10,000 golfers. A grand tour of England, Scotland, and Wales has been arranged for him by the Central Council of Physical Recreation.

Beginning on 2nd February, Dai will make over 40 appearances at institutes and youth clubs in towns and villages. He will talk about the game, give demonstrations, and provide film shows.

The tour of Britain's Ryder Cup captain should give an added stimulus to the game, which is now being played by more young people than ever before.

SPORTS QUIZ

1. Which soccer team plays at the Baseball Ground?
2. Name the Australian girl who holds six world swimming records from 400 metres to 1,650 yards.
3. Which is the longer, 800 metres or 880 yards?
4. What is the difference between the American and English golf ball?
5. Who was the first woman to run a mile in under five minutes?
6. Herb Elliott, the famous miler, is coming to England. Why?

Answers: 1. Derby County. 2. Lisa Konrad. 3. 800 metres is 874 yards 2 feet. 4. The American ball is bigger. 5. Diane Leather. 6. To study at Cambridge.

Overhead
dive

Over the vaulting horse and three pupils goes William Pinches, physical education instructor at the George Gascoigns Secondary Modern School, Walthamstow, Essex. He hopes to represent Great Britain in the Olympic Games in Rome this Summer



SCOT TO REPRESENT ENGLAND

WHEN the amateur boxers of England and Scotland meet in the ring at the Royal Albert Hall on Wednesday evening, a Scot will be wearing an England vest. Glasgow-born Johnny Mallon has been selected as the English flyweight.

This is allowed because Mallon is serving with the Royal Army Service Corps, which is affiliated to the English A.B.A.

This situation cropped up once before when Dick McTaggart gained his England badge while serving with the Royal Air Force. When his service ended he returned to Scotland and has since become one of the outstanding members of the Scottish team.

Incidentally, Johnny Mallon was also chosen for Wednesday's match as Scotland's reserve in the flyweight class.

SPRINTER ON TOW
He breaks world record every run

MOST athletes have their own favourite form of training, but surely the most novel of all is that of John Barrett, 22-year-old Sydney High School teacher.

Barrett regularly runs 100 yards in eight seconds—which is well inside the world record. Yet his record can never be recognised, for he does it when towed behind a car travelling at over 25 miles an hour.

He maintains that it not only strengthens his leg muscles, it also forces him to increase his normal stride from 7 feet 6 inches to 9 feet. John Barrett took up sprint-

ing only two years ago, but his sensational training methods may yet gain him a place in Australia's Olympic team.

The method is not one to be recommended. A fall at that speed could result in some nasty cuts and bruises if nothing more serious.

Spare-time work
for Arthur Rowe

ARTHUR ROWE, the 23-year-old Empire and European shot putt champion, is a great believer in youth clubs.

When the brawny colliery blacksmith, who lives in Barnsley, is not preparing for this year's Olympic Games in Rome, where he is favourite to win a gold medal, he spends his spare time helping the boys at Athersley Youth Club.

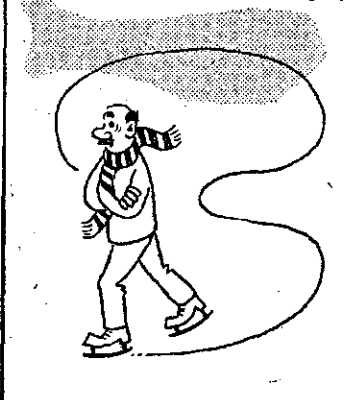
Arthur instructs in the plastic modelling class. "That's a great hobby of mine," he says.

Riding high



A rider competing in a motor cycle scramble at Swanley, Kent, finds a bumpy spot in the course, and nearly comes unstuck

ALL-ROUND ALFIE



NIGHT WORK

MRS. JOY JORDAN, British half-mile record holder, is hoping to become the world's fastest half-miler and winner of the 800 metres for women, included in this year's Olympic Games for the first time since 1928.

Her coach is her husband Denis, and together they are spending 90 minutes every evening jogging across rough country. Joy has also given up hockey this Winter to concentrate on running.

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